

[27th August 1926]

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

[Order made by the President of the Madras Legislative Council under Standing Order No. 15 on the 4th December 1924.]

1. Starred questions to be put at a meeting of the Council with their answers shall be printed and placed on the Council table an hour before the President takes his seat.

The Secretary shall call out the name of each interpellator in the order in which the names are printed, specify the serial number of his question and make a sufficient pause to give him or any other member a reasonable opportunity of rising in his place and putting a supplementary question. Supplementary questions must be put immediately after the principal questions to which they relate.

2. If a member responsible for a starred question happens to be absent when it is called, it will be open either to him or to any other member to put supplemental questions thereon after the other starred questions for the day have been answered, provided question-time is not thereby exceeded.

3. Questions, not starred, will not be called in Council, but they will be printed with their answers and placed on the table of the House along with the list of starred questions. Oral supplementary questions will not be allowed in regard to unstarred questions.]

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Assignment of Lands.

Assignment of land in Korattur rantham.

* 2348 Q.—MR. R. VEERIAN : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that a pensioned Col.-Havildar, No. 1353, by name Pakianathan, an Adi-Dravida, late 1/1st, Madras Pioneers, (K.G.O.) Pension Line, Arni, petitioned for the assignment of land, Survey No. 34, in the village of Korattur rantham, Arni jagir, and that the assignment was not made; and

(b) whether the village monigar has permitted a portion of the said land to be cultivated by three caste Hindus who have not served in the Military; if so, why?

A.—(a) & (b) A petition containing these allegations was received through the hon. Member on 3rd July 1926. It was transferred to the Board of Revenue for disposal and the hon. Member was informed of this. The Government have no information about the truth or otherwise of the allegations made.

MR. R. VEERIAN :—“With reference to clauses (a) and (b), may I know if the Government have issued instructions to the Board of Revenue for the early disposal of the matter?”

The hon. MR. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—“I am afraid I have considerable difficulty in understanding the question. I do not see that the hon. Member is in a position to tell me that the matter has not been disposed of.”